



## PENNANT COMPETITION BY-LAW

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### DEFINITIONS

**Fill-In:** a player who is playing in place of a registered player within a team of the Pennant Competition

**Form Rating:** a player's division and position standard as determined by qualitative and/or quantitative analysis of their performance by the Pennant Sub-Committee

**Provisional Rating:** a player's designated division and position standard, as assigned by placement in teams, the fill-in list, or as otherwise determined by Badminton Hobart (BH) or Pennant Sub-Committee

**Round:** the group of matches that two teams will compete against each other on any given fixtured week

**BH Committee:** the management Committee of the BH as elected per the BH Constitution

**Pennant Sub-Committee:** appointed and supported by BH Committee

**BH Management:** the umbrella term for the BH Committee, BH Staff or any individual or group to which the BH Committee has delegated authority to manage the specific matter in question

### PENNANT COMPETITION AND RESULTS

1. A Pennant roster shall consist of a prescribed number of rounds (plus a semi-final & grand final round), with matches played within these rounds between specified teams
2. A team for a Pennant roster shall consist of men or women, or a combination of men and women, as stipulated for each division
3. Pennant Sub-Committee reserves the right to adjust teams when necessary
4. A round shall consist of *several* matches between members of the competing teams, with the result determined either by number of matches won, or by total points scored, as stipulated for each division
5. The winning team shall receive two points, and the losing team zero points, unless otherwise specified. A team which forfeits the round shall receive no points.
6. If a roster round is drawn, the teams shall split the points available.
7. If a final determined by matches is drawn, the winner will be next determined by number of games won, then (if necessary) by total points scored.
8. If a final is drawn when using total points scored, the team finishing ahead on the ladder will be deemed to have won.
9. In the event a grand final is drawn when using total points scored, both teams will receive pennants.

## **EQUIPMENT, ATTIRE AND CONDUCT**

1. BH will advise the official shuttle for use for each pennant, and shuttles will be available for purchase from the centre. Where the entry fee is inclusive of shuttles, the shuttles will be managed by BH and its staff. Where shuttles are included, please be aware that there will be a fair usage system in place. For example, a certain number of shuttles per team per week, a certain number of tubes per team per roster, etc.
2. Players must be appropriately attired. This includes wearing shoes which adhere to the BH Footwear Guidelines for Court Use
3. Players must abide by all BH Policies

## **ROUND PROCEDURE**

1. All rounds must commence at the indicated start time at sign up, or at any other time stipulated by BH Management. A round may commence earlier than the stipulated time if a majority of players participating agree, and if approved by staff where courts are available.
2. At the completion of each match any player may take a break not exceeding five minutes in duration at their discretion.
3. All team members' names shall be entered on the score sheet (where not already printed). The first name and surname of any fill-in player must be entered next to the player they replace. Once entered, names shall not be altered without opposition consent.
4. Team members must be entered in the score sheet in order of rating, unless otherwise approved by BH Management. No player (including fill-in players) is permitted to play below their provisional or form rating, as determined by Pennant Sub-Committee.
5. The order of play shall be as listed on the score sheet, unless otherwise agreed by both teams. In the event of a disagreement, the order as listed shall stand.
6. All players are required sign off on the result of their games each competition night.
7. Completed score sheets shall be lodged with BH Staff at reception on the night of play.
8. Except where otherwise stipulated, the rules of play shall be the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the Badminton World Federation

## **MATCH AND ROUND CANCELLATIONS**

1. BH Management, in consultation with the Pennant Sub-Committee may be required to cancel matches due to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to power outages, building degradation, or for reasons of player safety, including condensation on the courts.
2. If a match is cancelled, the round for that division will be cancelled, and not rescheduled. This will not apply to a finals match.
3. If the total number of matches yet to be played across the entire division for a round is more than half of the total number of matches to be played, then the round will be cancelled, with no points allocated to any team.
4. If half or more of the total number of matches played across the entire division for a round have been played, points will be allocated based on the matches completed.
5. If a final is cancelled, and it cannot be rescheduled, the winner will be:
  - the team winning the greater number of matches or scoring the most points (as applicable for that division), if half or more of the matches have been played prior to cancellation
  - the team finishing higher on the ladder, if fewer than half of the matches have been played
  - both teams, if the cancellation prevents the full conclusion of a grand final

## **UMPIRES**

1. Where possible, all matches are to be umpired, with each team sharing the task equally, unless otherwise agreed between the teams
2. A team is permitted to replace an opposing team's umpire with another umpire from the opposing team where the original umpire's decisions are continually inefficient
3. Players may call for a service judge. When requested to do so, umpires must appoint a service judge immediately

## **PLAYERS NOT PRESENT**

1. If all players are not present to commence a round within 15 minutes of the appointed start time, then the offending team will forfeit all games for which they cannot produce an eligible player
2. If a team cannot produce a player or players to ensure the continuity of a match, and if no other games can be played, then the offending team will forfeit all remaining games
3. Pennant Sub-Committee may also deem the match forfeited by the offending team, if such penalty is appropriate in the circumstances
4. If a player forfeits a match due to injury or illness, that player cannot take further part in matches later in the night. Once a forfeiture is made, all the remaining games for that player are forfeited

## **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS/ GRADING**

1. BH conducts grading events for Pennant and will, to the best of our ability, apply these gradings to all players who nominate to participate.
2. Grading will be based on several factors as determined by Management and may include a player's prior performance or documentation of previous tournament results, lightning roster results, etc.
3. Players will be graded into Lines per division: for example, Line 4 (lowest grading), Line 3, Line 2, and Line 1 (highest grading).
4. Players may be regraded upon request at the end of a Pennant season, however, there are to be no regrades during a competition
5. Any player that is aware of being unavailable for three or more weeks during a given season can only be registered as a fill-in player
6. All players in each team must be registered members of BH. This includes all fill-in players.
7. All players must be a minimum of twelve years of age at the time nominations close, noting that BH Management may make exception upon request.
8. No player or fill-in may play with more than one team in the same division in the one roster week, except as noted in Fill-Ins (below).

## **FILL-INS**

1. For roster matches, a fill-in must be either:
  - a player from a lower division in the current BH Pennant roster; or
  - a player with a BH provisional or form rating lower than that of the player she/he replaces; or
  - a player of the same line from the bye team (where applicable).
2. Organising a fill-in is the responsibility of the player requiring a fill-in, and by extension, the team for which a fill-in is required. Where possible, BH will try to facilitate this; however:
  - a. Organise your fill-in in advance (where possible), by talking to the player/s from bye teams (where available)
  - b. Let your team know at the earliest possible time, and work together to get an appropriate fill-in.
  - c. Contact BH Engagement Officer via email ([wlam@badmintonhobart.com](mailto:wlam@badmintonhobart.com)) or via phone (0488 788 426).
3. Pennant Sub-Committee may permit otherwise eligible players from the same division to play for multiple teams in the same roster week, or if necessary, impose appropriate handicaps to allow players with higher ratings to fill in, only if:
  - a player in the lowest division gives reasonable notice to BH Management/ Pennant Sub-Committee that they will be absent, and that despite best efforts they have not been able to arrange an eligible player to fill in; and
  - Pennant Sub-Committee have likewise been unsuccessful in producing a player to fill in; and

- it is reasonable to expect that no eligible player will be available within 15 minutes of the appointed start time.
4. For finals matches, a fill-in must be:
    - a registered member of BH
    - approved by the Pennant Sub-Committee/ BH Management and;
    - a player from a lower division in the current BH Pennant roster; or
    - a player with a BH provisional or form rating lower than that of the player she/he replaces, which may include a player from the same line; or
    - for the lowest line in the lowest division, any player from the same line.
  5. In exceptional circumstances, teams may apply in writing to BH Management asking for an otherwise ineligible player to be permitted to fill in.
  6. Pennant Sub-Committee reserves the right to provide a provisional rating to a fill-in player if they were previously unrated.

#### **BREACHES**

1. Except where otherwise specified, failure to comply with these Pennant Competition By-Laws will result in the offending team forfeiting match points for the match in question, or a deduction in match points, or such other penalty as BH Management deems appropriate in the circumstances.
2. Any protests concerning breaches of the Pennant By-Laws should be communicated in writing, including electronically, to BH Management within 48 hours of the breach(es) occurring.  
BH Management will deliver a response to the breach prior to the commencement of the next round.